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SUBJECT: SOVIET NOTE ON FRG RATIFICATION OF WHEAT AND
FOOD CONVENTIONS

1. IN JULY, DEPARTMENT, AS REPOSITORY FOR INSTRUMENTS
OF RATIFICATION OF THE WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION OF 1971,
AND THE FOOD AID CONVENTION OF 1971, CIRCULATED A NOTE TO
SIGNATORY NATIONS ANNOUNCING THAT FRG HAD RATIFIED BOTH
AND HAD DECLARED THAT THEY WOULD ALSO APPLY TO WEST BERLIN.
SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN ACKNOWLEDGING ABOVE NOTE,
HAS STATED THAT SOVIETS "CAN TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
STATEMENT OF FRG ON EXTENDING EFFECTIVENESS OF ABOVE
MENTIONED CONVENTION TO BERLIN (WEST) ONLY WITH
UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS EXTENSION IS MADE IN ACCORDING WITH
THE QA AND WITH OBSERVANCE OF ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES."

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SOVIET NOTE ALSO ASKED DEPARTMENT TO BRING THIS POINT TO

ATTENTION OF ALL OTHER PARTIES TO THE CONVENTIONS.

2. AS REPOSITORY FOR THE CONVENTIONS DEPARTMENT REQUIRED TO CIRCULATE CONTENTS OF SOVIET NOTE TO EMBASSIES OF SIGNATORY NATIONS. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE SOVIET STATEMENT IN BONN GROUP AND DETERMINE WHETHER ALLIED REPLY IS DEEMED NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE. (FYI: DEPARTMENT IS INCLINED TO THINK A WESTERN REPLY IS NEEDED. END FYI.) IF BONN GROUP DECIDES IT WOULD PREFER ALLIED REJOINDER, IT SHOULD PREPARE

DRAFT TEXT FOR REFERRAL TO CAPITALS.

3. COPIES OF US AND SOVIET NOTES AIRPOUCHED. RUSH

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